Young's Point. La. Feb. 9th 1862.

Carrie Dear;

I feel myself this morning to scratch you a few lines. partly for my own amusement and to pass away the time. which hangs rather heavily on our hands about now. and partly on your own account. I suppose you like to hear occasionally how we are getting along. and what our circumstances, prospects &c. and "by the same token" as the irishmen said. I should be most happy to hear from you. It seems to me that you are getting a little negligent of late but it may be just my fancy. I have'nt had a letter from you for quite a good while. it must be nearly a month I think since I heard from you last. You may be in love Dear. if this be the case. you are excusable. I know something of the feelings of a young man under such circumstances. and could sympathize with you. I think this time Dear that my case is hopeless. that I am just recovering. am a free man. but I ought not to make fun of such things. It is a very solemn thing to contemplate. this taking a partner for life. for better or worse. isn't it? I suppose it should happen to be all worse and no better would'nt that be a sad joke. I don't know but what

I am letting you into some of my secrets that I had better keep to myself. but I know that I can trust you. it's nothing that I am ashamed of any body. but then this letter to the old folks Down for I expect to write a lot of nonsense that I would not care about their reading. that's about the way I feel now. This is a funeral country, when we are now. nothing but deserted plantations. no inhabitants at all except a few old negroes that did not have strength to get away. What a great curse this war is.

I have not seen a white woman since I can remember hardly. and these black brutes I can't stomach no how. Now you can judge something of a soldiers suffering under such circumstances as these. but I have no consolation. somebody has got to make up for this after the war. We had some sport while we were at Cincinnatti. that is a pretty fast place. I'll have to tell you some of my adventures there. where I got them. I believe I could stand it very well if I could serve my time out in that city. but life in such a place as this is rather tedious. but I take some comfort in thinking of the good old times I have had. a quotation from Artemus Ward. I think will express my feelings about as well as anything I can think of. You will remember it. I guess. "I dream of my boyhood I'm dreaming on you now". This I think is very appropriate for the occasion. Tell me when you write again

how you like going to school. so hard you are studying &c and hope you are enjoying yourself generally. I heard by the way Dear that there was a slight misunderstanding between you and Marie and that it was likely to result in a final estrangement. I believe I never had much talk with you about that affair for I knew it was not my place. that you probably knew your own business best. and could judge for yourself. you must not take any offence at what I may say now. I shall only give my opinion in the premises. without any advice this letter is intended for. I think Marie is a very good girl in her place. she is very good company. is of rather a lively temperament. very good looking and on the whole rather a fascinating young lady. but I dont think she would be a very agreeable fireside companion. such girls make very good plaything but they would do to tie to in my opinion. I should expect if I married such a girl to get up one morning and find my wife with two black eyes on. I dont know how my views correspond with yours in this matter. I have merely given you my opinion and if it is not so very agreeable to you. we will let it all drop where it is. and I will never open it again

I think as much of you Dear as I do of a brother. and consequently feel a great interest in your future welfare and happiness. that is why I have said as much as I have. I should thank you to tell

but it was a long way off. I judge it must be up the Yazoo River
the rebels have all left Vicksburg & are in force at Jackson
Miss. I am glad of it for I think we can
Take it now by the rear. Gen Sherman
One of our regts has been doing the
recruiting business in this city for some time & has been
Rebel transports & has been quite successful. Gen Logan
He has sent here 3 boats loaded with conscripts, stores, and
recruits. The rebel army, being on the run, do not
capture many men. Gen Logan has one
Brigade of Negroes & they are fighting
Gen Logan is now at Young Point La. near Vicksburg. Gen
Grant is in command of the Army & Navy
Gen Hurlbut is at Memphis Tenn. Gen Sherman is at
Vicksburg. Gen Banks is at New Orleans. Gen Steele is at Baraboo Ark
Gen Rosecrans is in command of the army
Gen Curtis is in command of the army
Gen Halleck is Chief of Staff at Washington
Gen Meade is in command of the army of the Potomac
Gen Hooker has command of the 11th & 12th army corps
Gen Thomas is in command of the army of the Cumberland
Gen Burnside is in command of the army of the Ohio
Gen Foster is in command of the army of the Ohio
Gen Schofield is in command of the army of the Ohio
Gen Gillmore is in command of the army of the Ohio
Gen Dix is in command of the army of the Ohio
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